

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 9, and 11-19 are pending. Claims 8, 10, 20, and 21 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 8, 10, 20, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Kapralis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,580,547, herein "Kapralis"). Claims 1-7, 9, and 11-19 were allowed.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-7, 9, and 11-19.

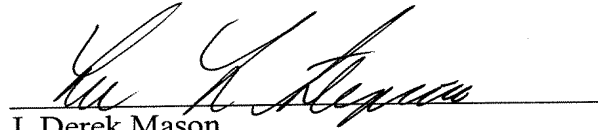
Regarding the rejection of Claims 8, 10, 20, and 21 as anticipated by Kapralis, that rejection is respectfully traversed by the present response.

Claims 8, 10, 20, and 21 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 8, 10, 20, and 21 is negated.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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